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The Real Reason College Tuition Cost so Much

by Paul Campos, NY Times

- Lack of state funding: “In fact, public investment in higher education in America is vastly larger today in inflation-adjusted dollars.”
- Such spending has increased at a much higher rate than government spending in general.”
- US military budget is about 1.8 times higher today than it was in 1960.
- State appropriations to higher ed are more than 10 times higher
- Administrative positions grew by 60% between 1993 and 2009
- CAL Poly admin positions grew by 221 % between 1975 and 2008

2015-2017 Budget “Public University State Programs”

Program	2015-17 Approved Budget
UO & PSU Dispute Resolution programs	\$2,516,149
PSU Oregon Solutions program	\$2,257,451
OSU Fermentation Program	\$1,239,600
UO, OSU, & PSU Signature Research Centers	\$1,040,577
Oregon Metals Initiative	\$749,065
UO Labor Education Research Center (LERC)	\$678,544
OSU Marine Research Vessel Program	\$619,800
PSU Population Research Center	\$435,313
OSU Natural Resources Institute	\$399,103
Clinical Legal Education program	\$348,077
OSU Climate Change Research Institute	\$312,837

“2015-2017 Budget “Public University State Programs”

- General Fund Total Budget of \$34,298,725
- 34 % above 2013-2015 Budget
- One program has 15.19 FTEs
- Not sure if this includes staff pay, utilities, travel, equipment, offices
- Programs receive the following sources for more revenue:
 - Allocations of tuition from their host university
 - Revenues from conferences and workshops they conduct
 - Revenues from grants and contracts they receive
 - Other sources

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- Bill is intended to provide transparency and accountability of public university finances beginning with the State Programs.
- Legislature is responsible for oversight of state funding of higher education.
- SB 80 removed public universities from reporting on the State Transparency website.
- This bill starts with reporting on state programs and hopefully the public universities will want to put more data about their finances on the Oregon Transparency Website.